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Foreword

Jimmle Davis, celebrated singer, yodeler and composer, was born in a log cabin in Quitman, Louisiana, a very small town in a section of the country that was then practically a wilderness although it had been settled by the very early explorers. It was so wild and so remote that, until he was four years old, Jimmie had never even seen a town.

His first trip to a village was a very eventful occasion. There was a circus in town, so his father decided to take Jimmie. All went well and there was much excitement until a photographer attempted to take his picture. The sight of a man with his head under a black well and there was much excitement until a photographer attempted to take his picture. The sight of a man with his head under a black well and with a queer contraption in front of him was too much for the farm boy, so Jimmie ran away. He still cherishes the picture that was finally taken, with the scared expression on his face.

Jimmie's parents and grandparents were of sturdy American stock—people who tilled the soil and earned their living from the fields. His grandmother was a true pioneer woman who plowed and planted the ground herself in order to feed her children while her husband was in the war. Jimmie loved to hear the doughty old lady tell of her struggles to eke out a living. She was successful—so much so that was in the war. Jimmie loved to hear the doughty old lady tell of her struggles to eke out a living. She was successful—so much so that was in the war, Jimmie loved to hear the doughty old lady tell of her struggles to eke out a living. She was successful—so much so that when she died a few years ago at the age of ninety-five she had never had time to learn to read or write or to count money.

When Jimmie's father sold his farm and moved to town he received the stupendous sum of two dollars an acre for the land. Today that same farm is in the middle of an oil field, and could not be purchased at any price.

Musical ability was a family characteristic. Jimmie's grandfather was a great singer of the old Sacred Harp, and quite a dancer of the buck and wing type. It was through him that Jimmie learned, in his early childhood, many of the old songs which he still sings today.

There was not enough money in the family to provide an education for Jimmy, so he was obliged to work his way through school. At first he did all sorts of odd jobs, including washing dishes, but finally he obtained work with a lumber outfit, sawing and carting wood. This was hard work, but not too difficult for a country boy whose muscles had been developed in the fields.

Before long, however, Jimmie's natural talent asserted itself, and he began to sing with a quartette. The boys were able to earn money singing in restaurants and small theatres all over Louisiana, and soon there was a great demand for their services.

Jimmie soon discovered that the thing he loved most in the world was music. Early in his career he realized that the simple ballads that went directly to the hearts of the people were the most popular and successful.

Eventually Jimmie began to realize that he himself could compose songs that had a wide appeal and earned enthusiastic applause from his audiences. All his compositions received great acclaim wherever they were sung, either by the quartette or as solos by Jimmie

In all his songs Jimmie has chosen topics taken directly from life as he sees it all around him—simple and sweet subjects that touch the hearts of the listeners. The first song he ever composed, "Baby's Lullaby," was inspired by the sight of a young mother rocking he baby to sleep. Jimmie did not know the mother or the baby, but the sight of her tender solicitude was so touching to him that he sa down and wrote a ballad about it.

His biggest success, Nobody's Darlin' but Mine, is one of the sweetest love songs ever written and, through this composition, the name Jimmie Davis has become a by-word in England, in South Africa, Australia—in fact, in every English speaking country.

Although he is busy with his many activities, Jimmie is an ardent coon-hunter. His greatest recreation is following the coon-hound through the fields, or shooting jack-rabbits on the plains. But best of all Jimmie loves his music, and his keenest pleasure is to sit down with his old guitar and compose a ballad.

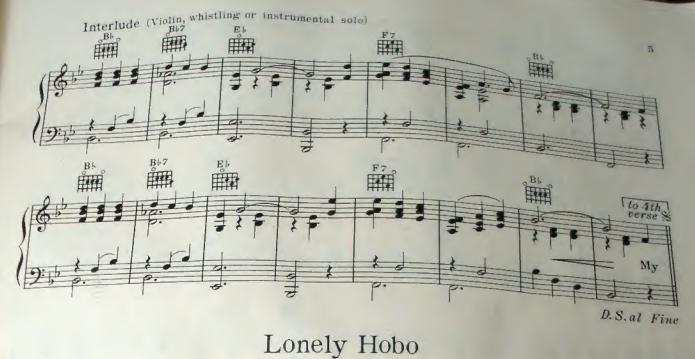
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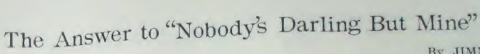
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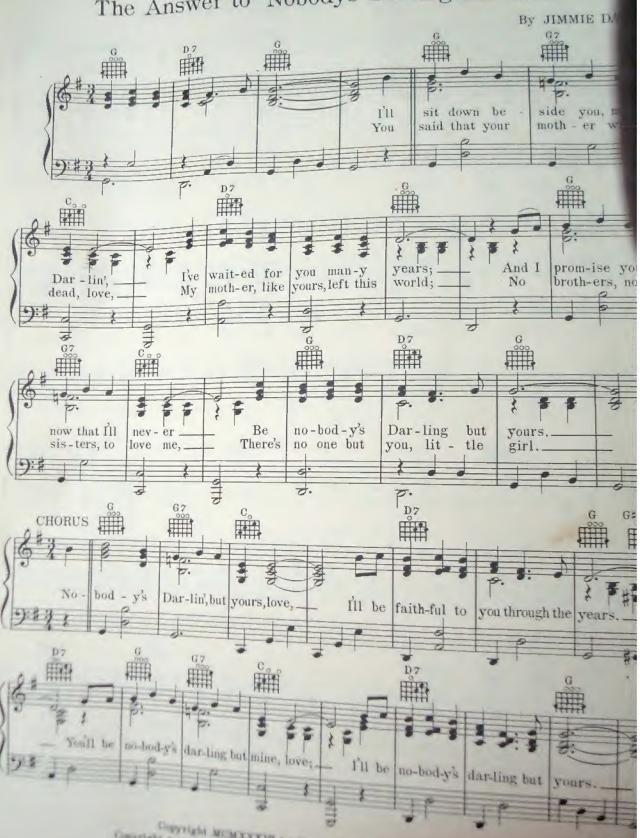




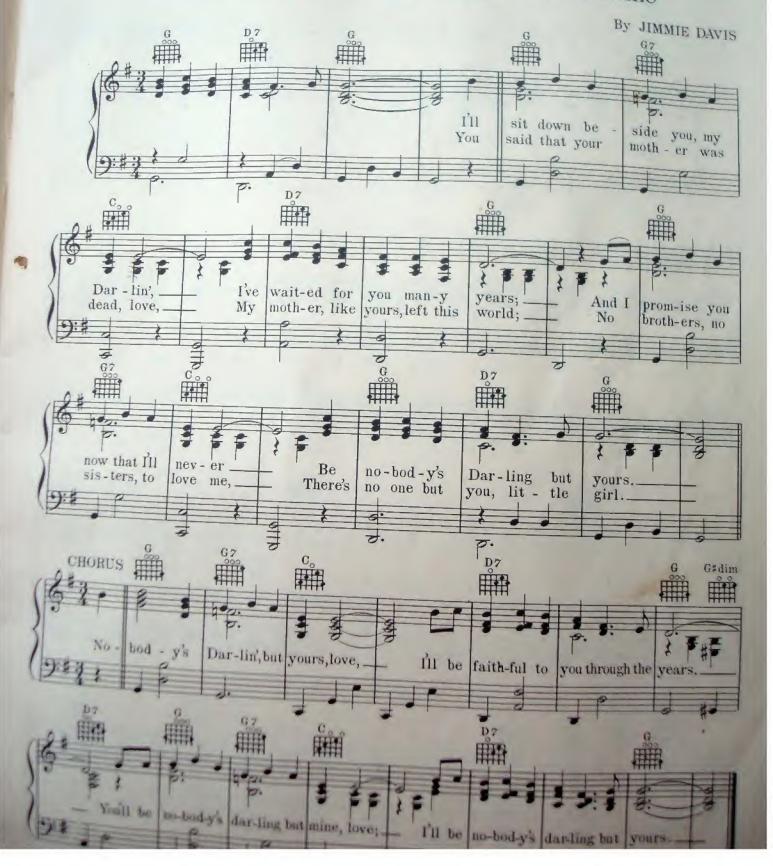


- 3. I once was so happy
 In a garden by the sea
 Living with my pride and joy
 She was the world to me. (to 4th verse)
- 4. One day she did me wrong
 And left with another man
 And I am just a hobo,
 She made me what I am.





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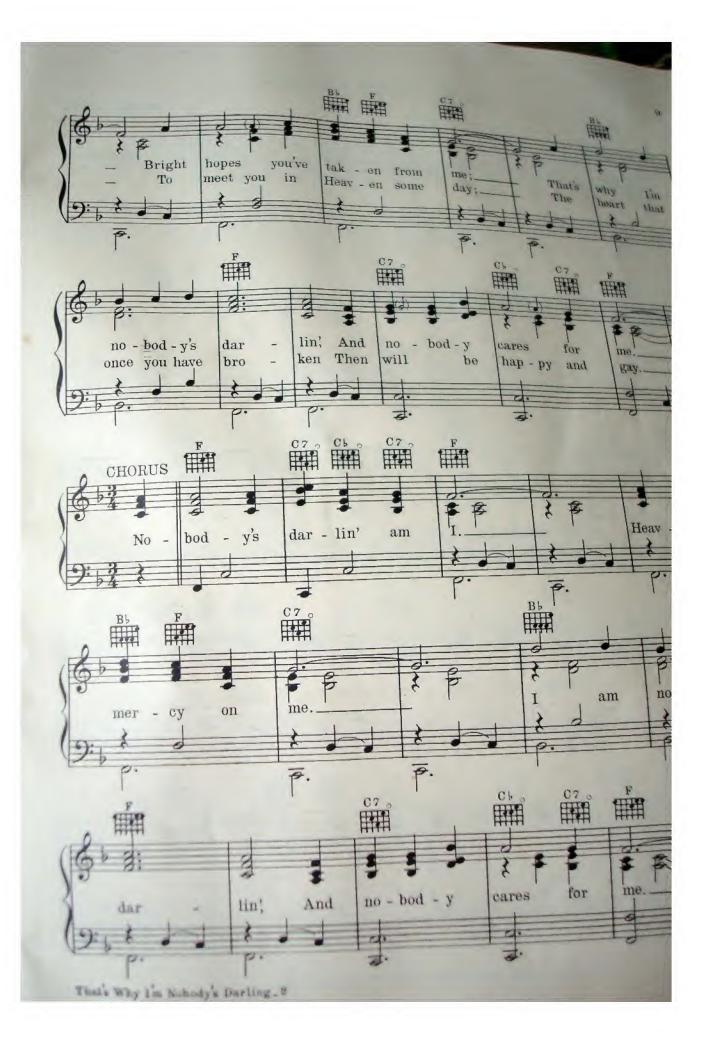




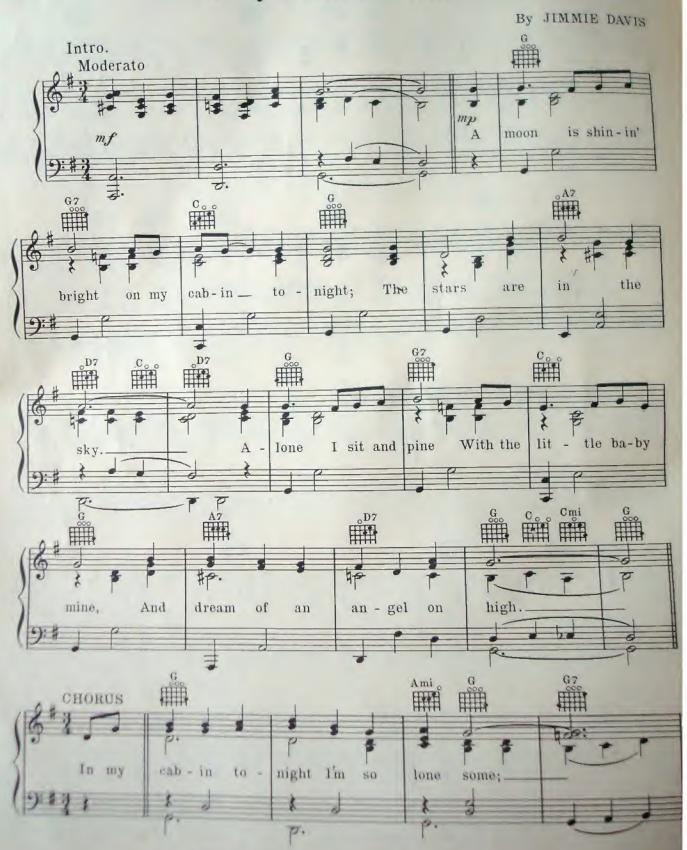
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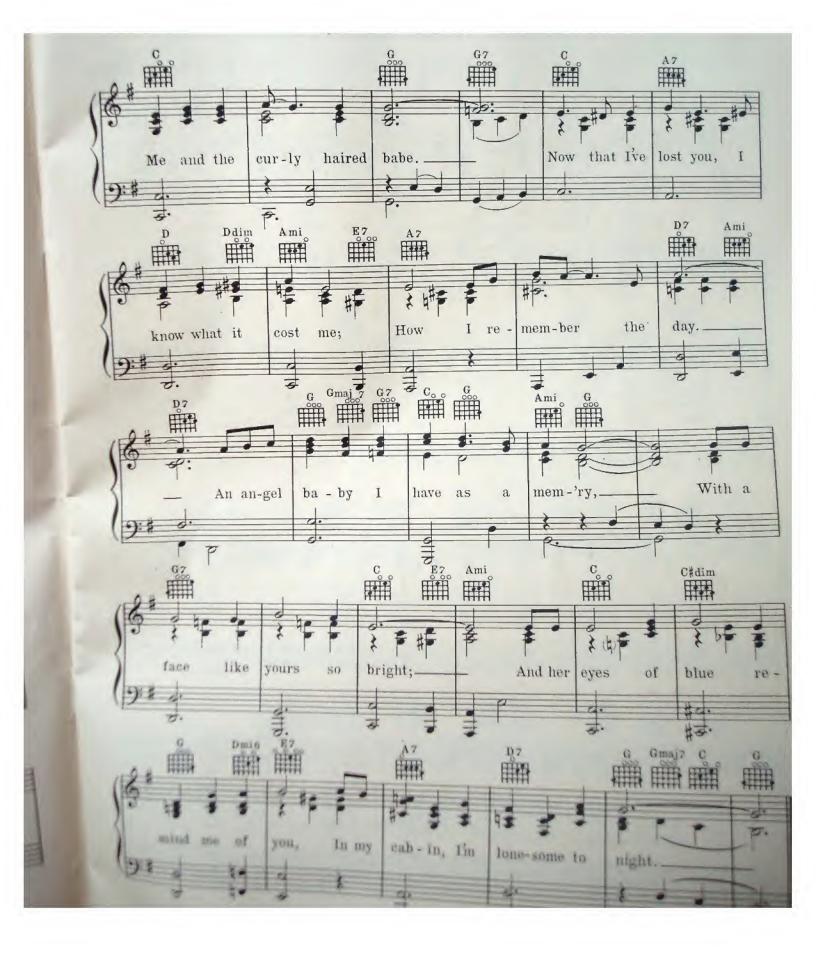




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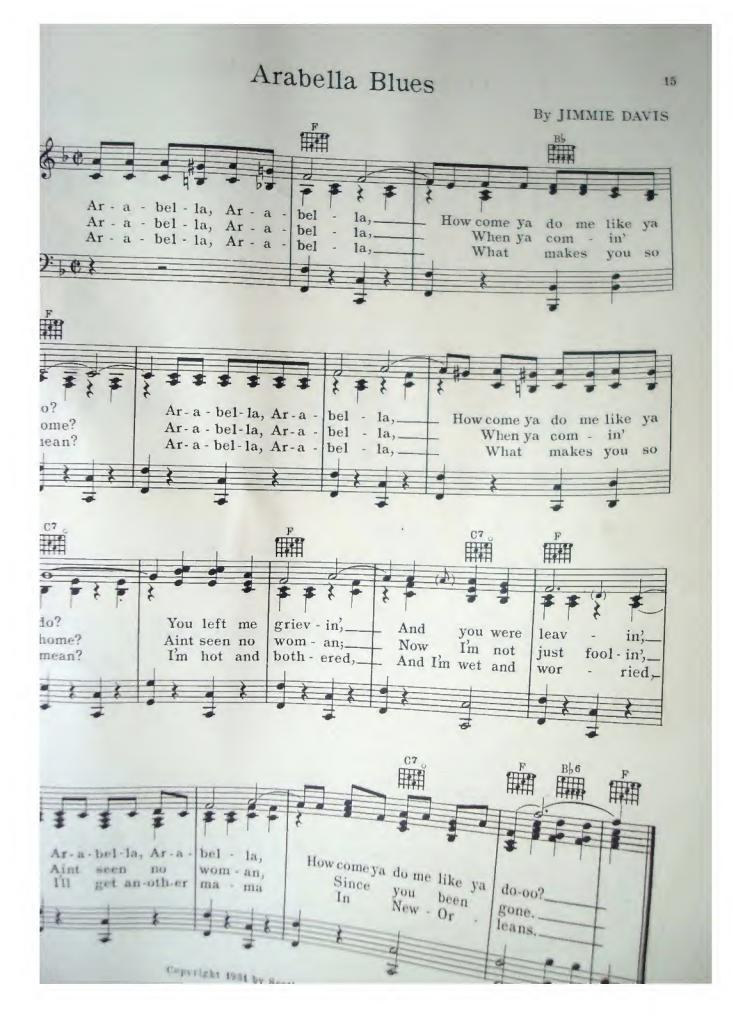
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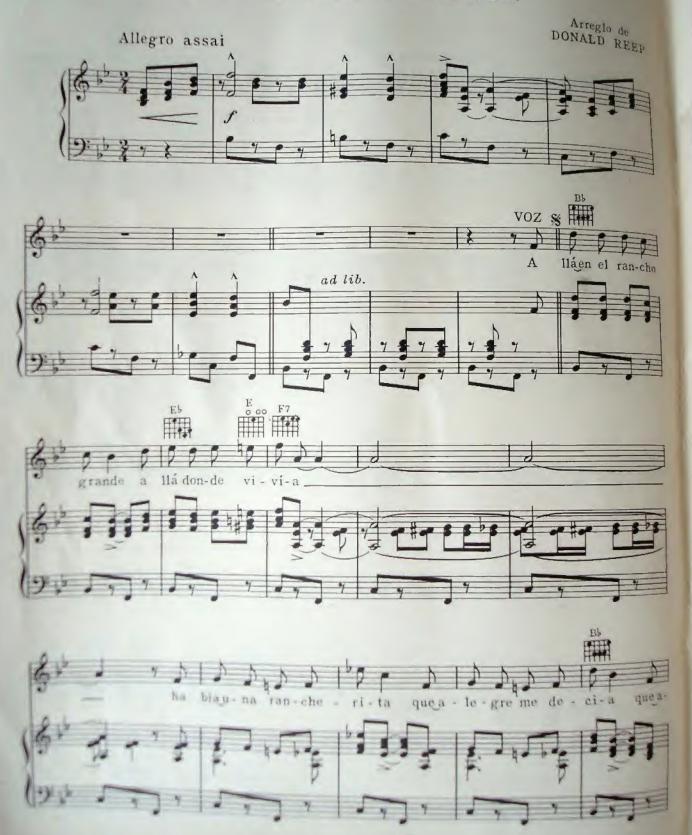


Bury Me In Old Kentucky





Alla en el Rancho Grande







Bear Cat Mama From Horner's Corners





It's All Coming Home To You





You All Coming Home To You.



Shirt-Tail Blues





Prairie Of Love

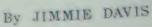
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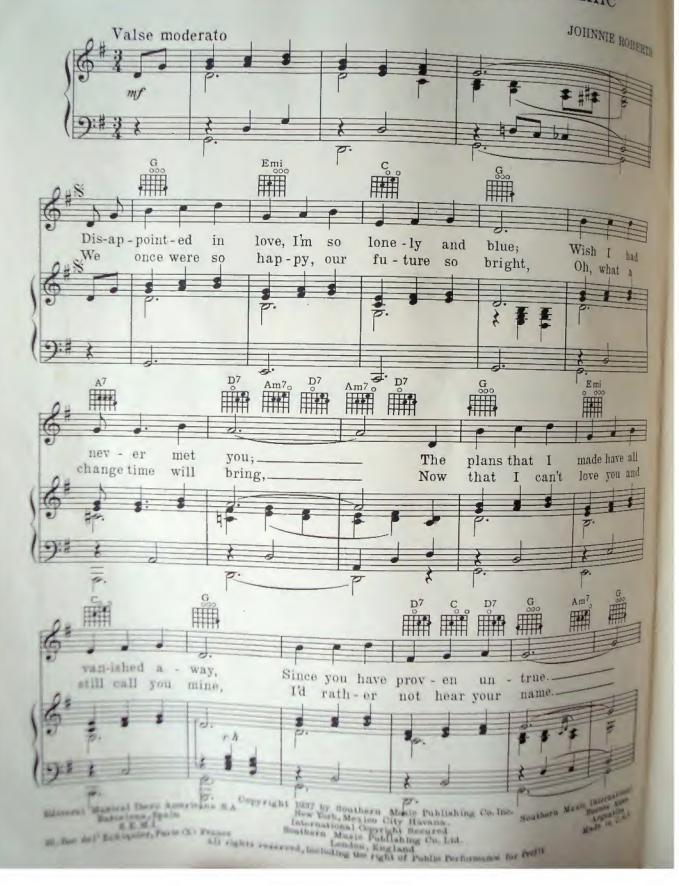
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I Wish I Had Never Seen Sunshine





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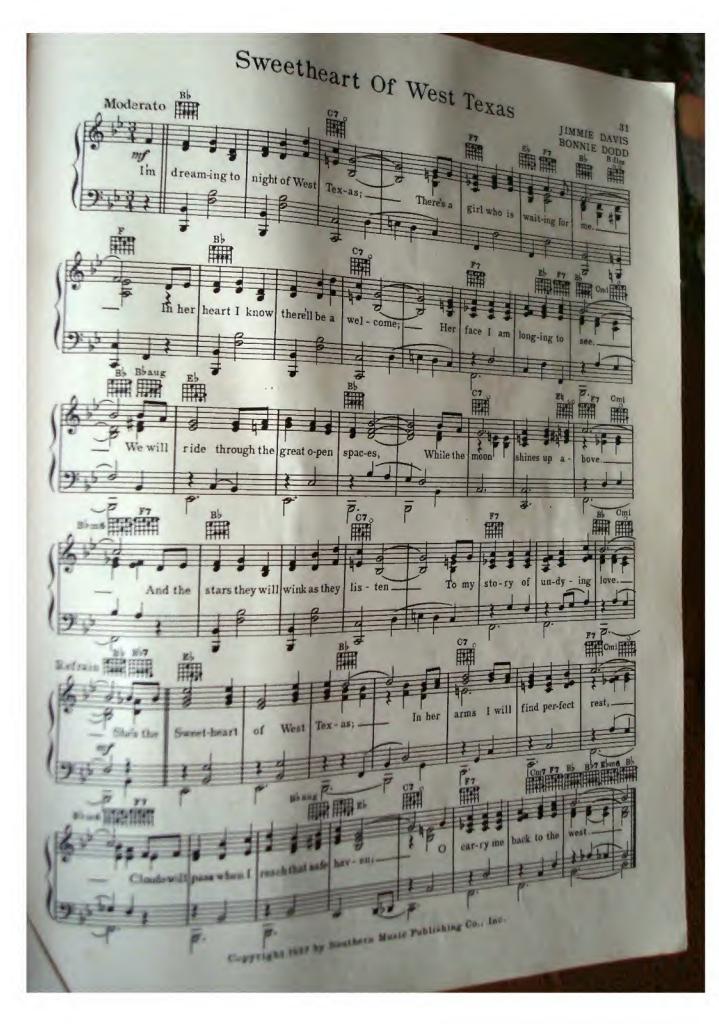


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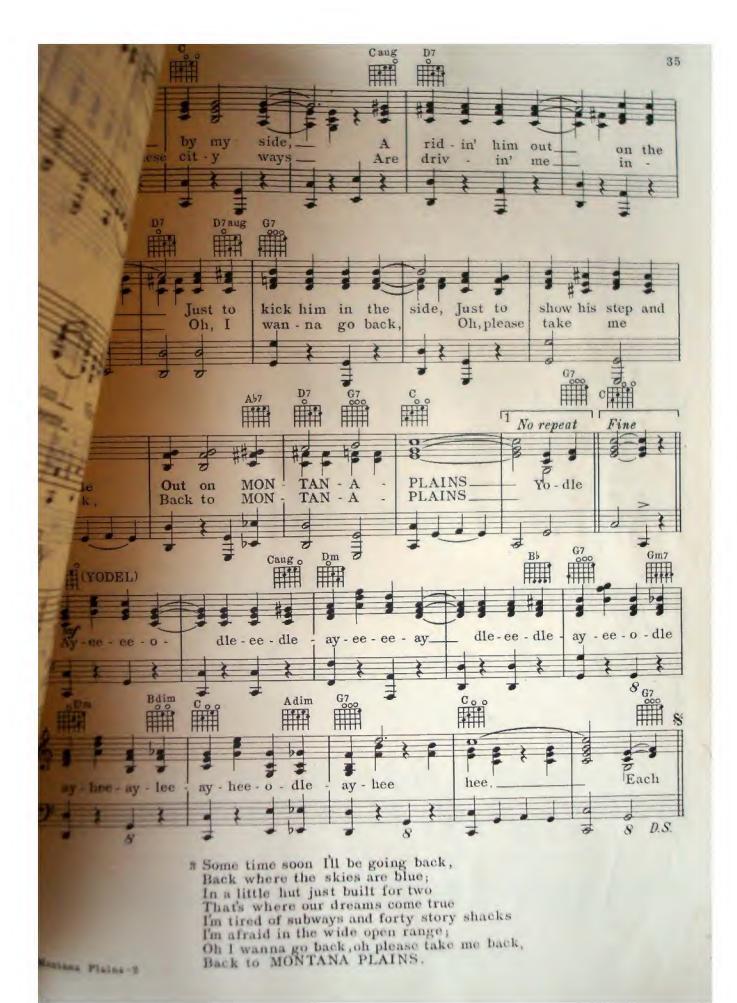
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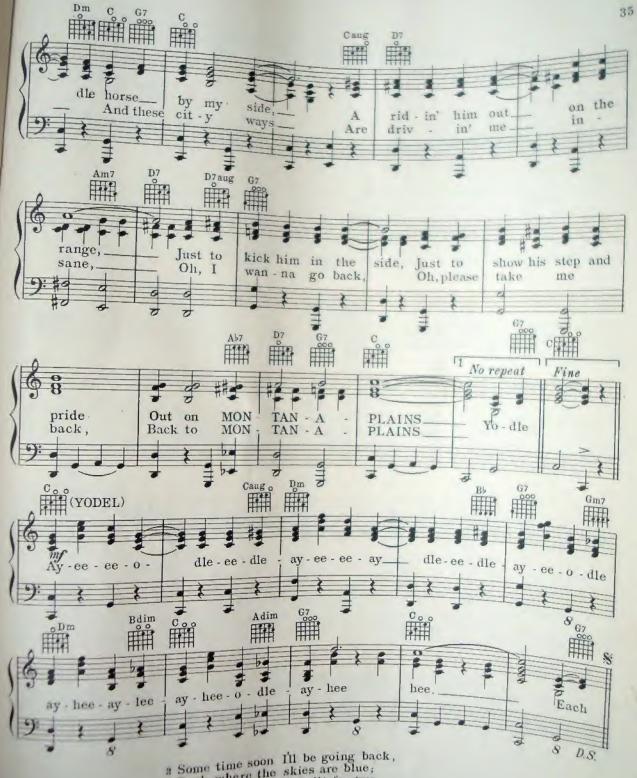
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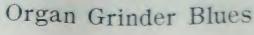


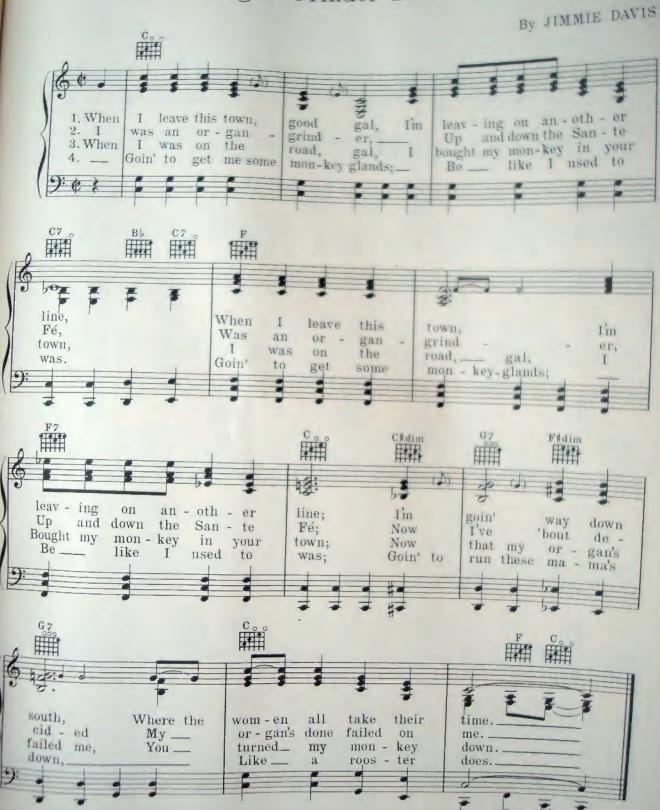


Back where the skies are blue;
In a little but just built for two
That's where our dreams come true
I'm tired of subways and forty story shacks
I'm afraid in the wide open range;
I'm afraid in the wide open range;
Oh I wanna go back, oh please take me back,
Back to MONTANA PLAINS.

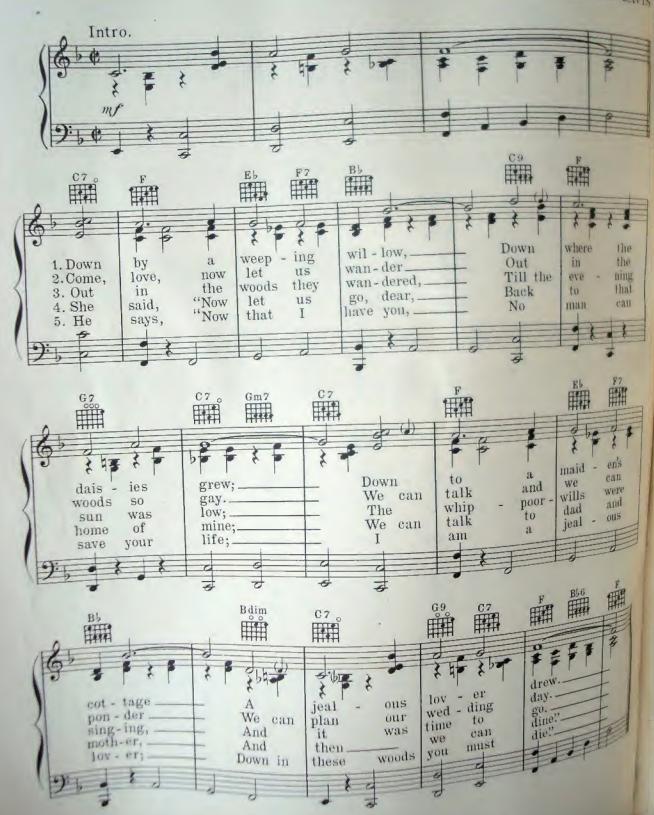
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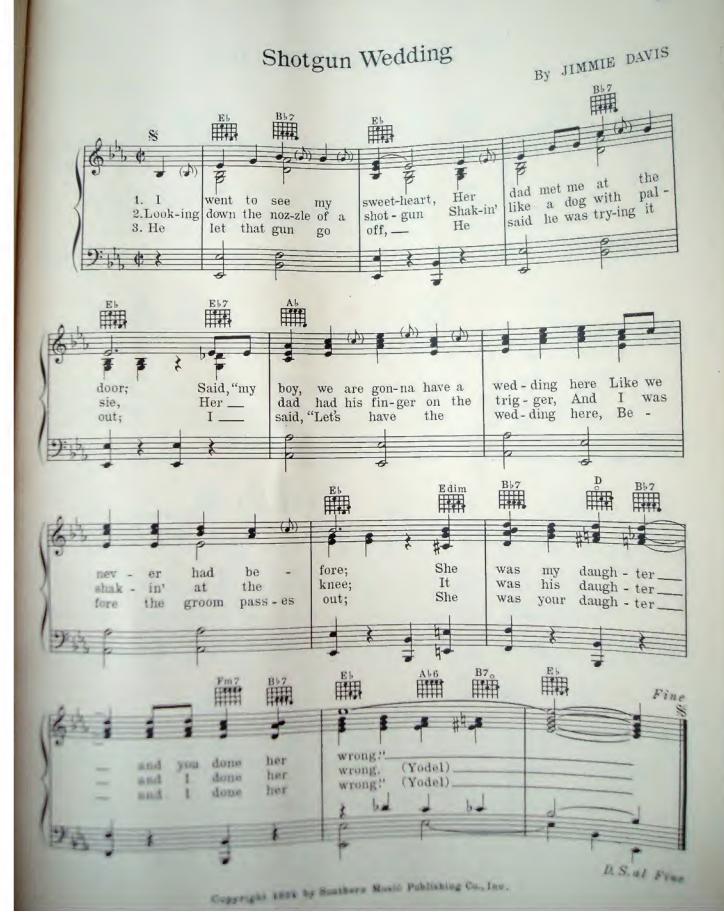




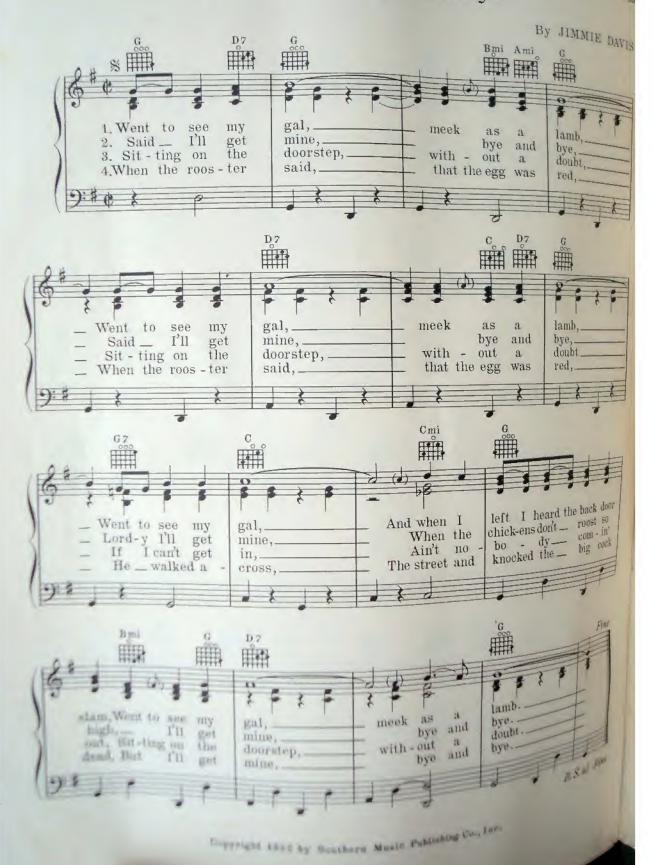
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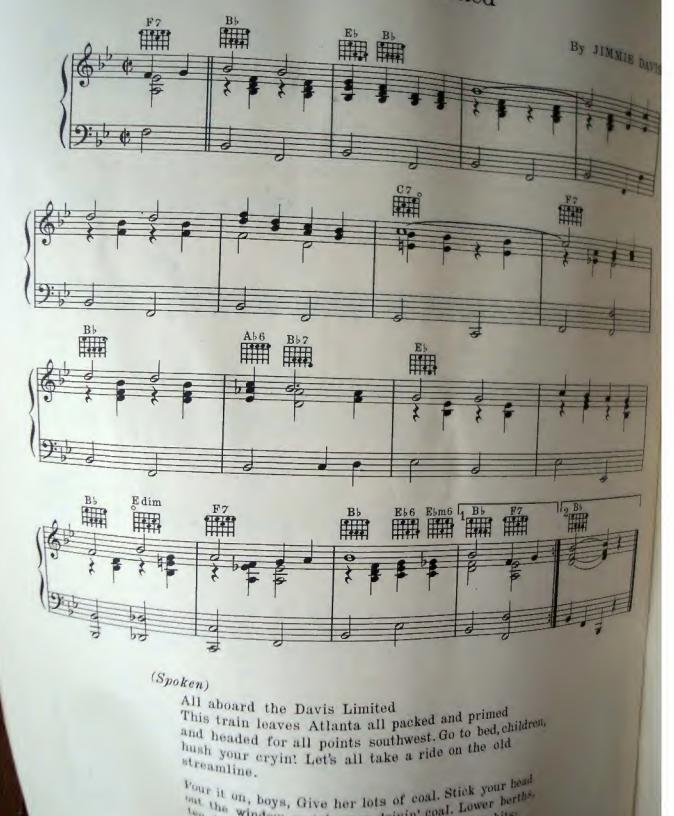


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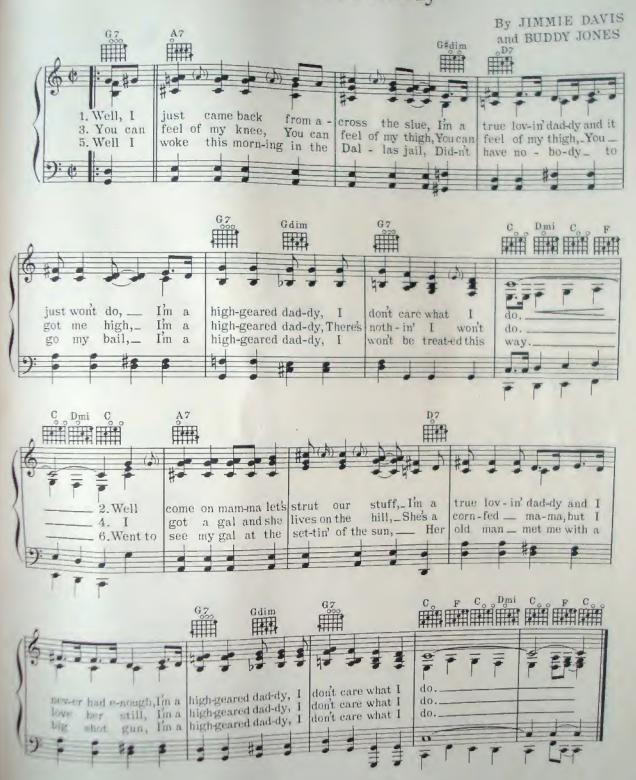
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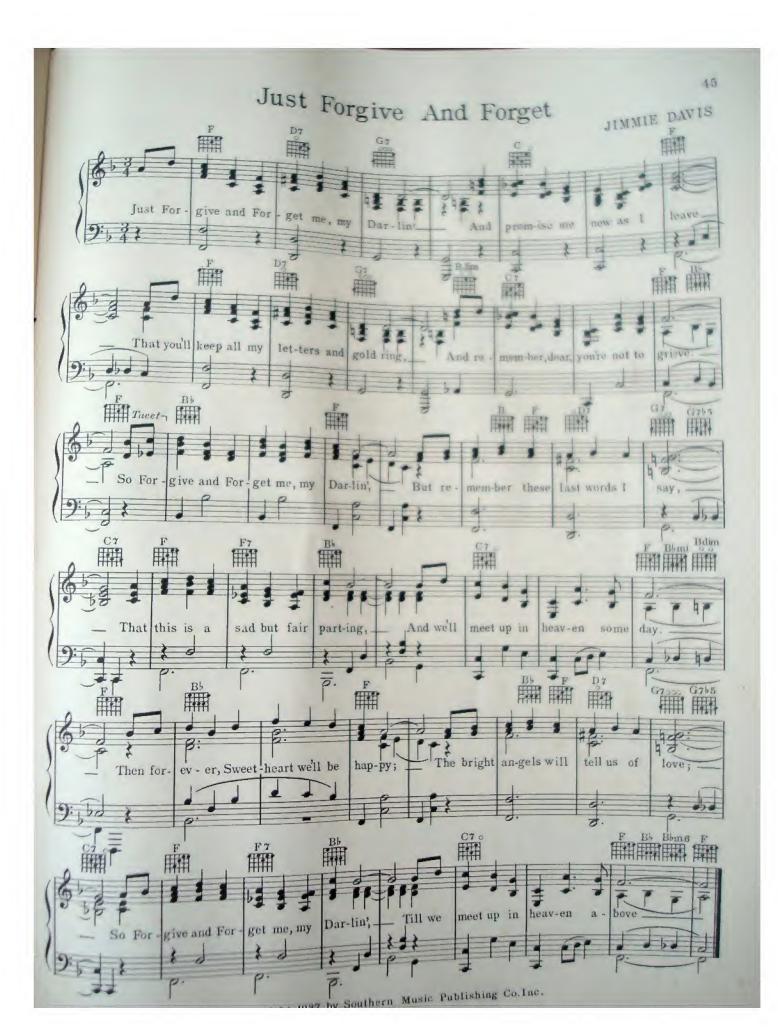
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Come On Over To My House





Don't Say Goodbye If You Love Me

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Sewing Machine Blues





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Gambler's Return



Down At The Old Country Church

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Red Nightgown Blues

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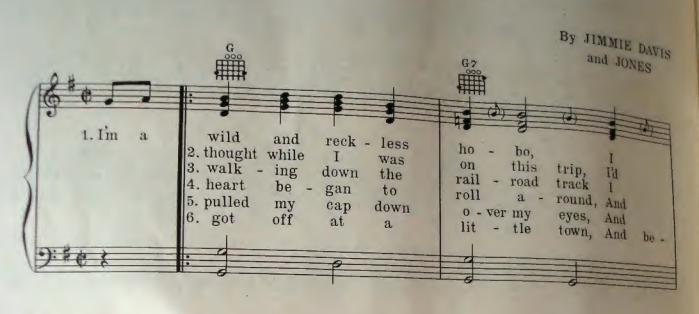
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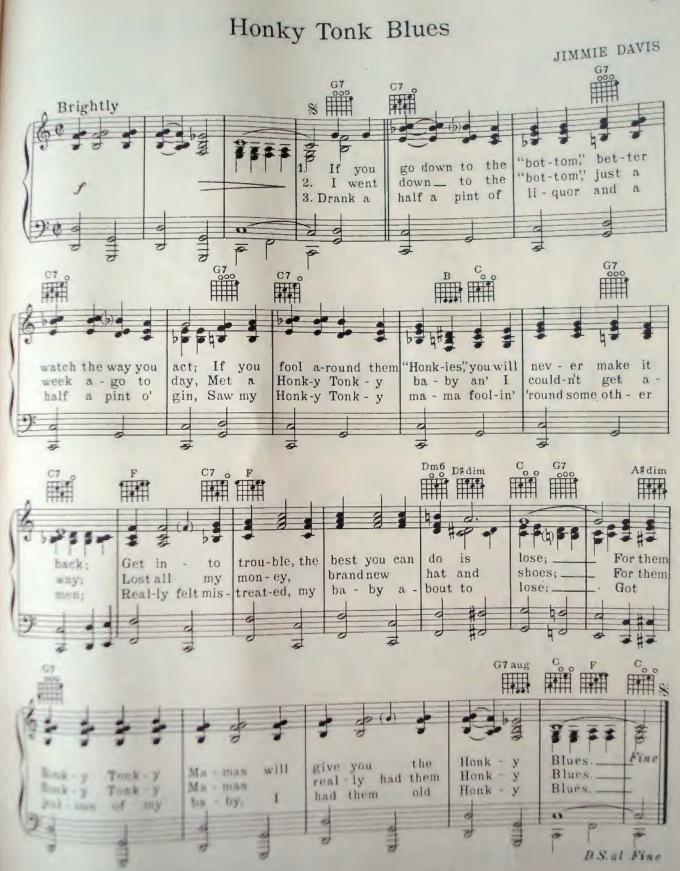


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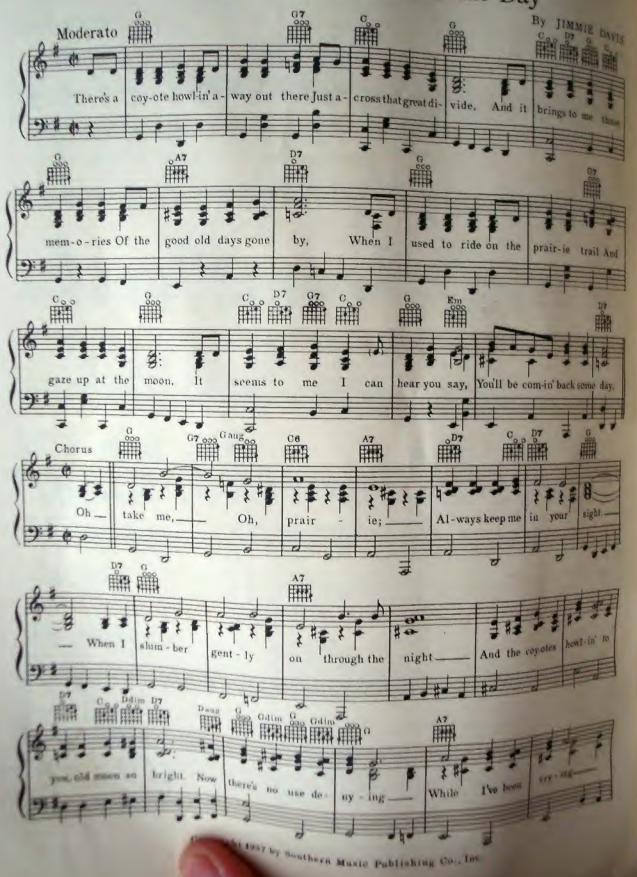






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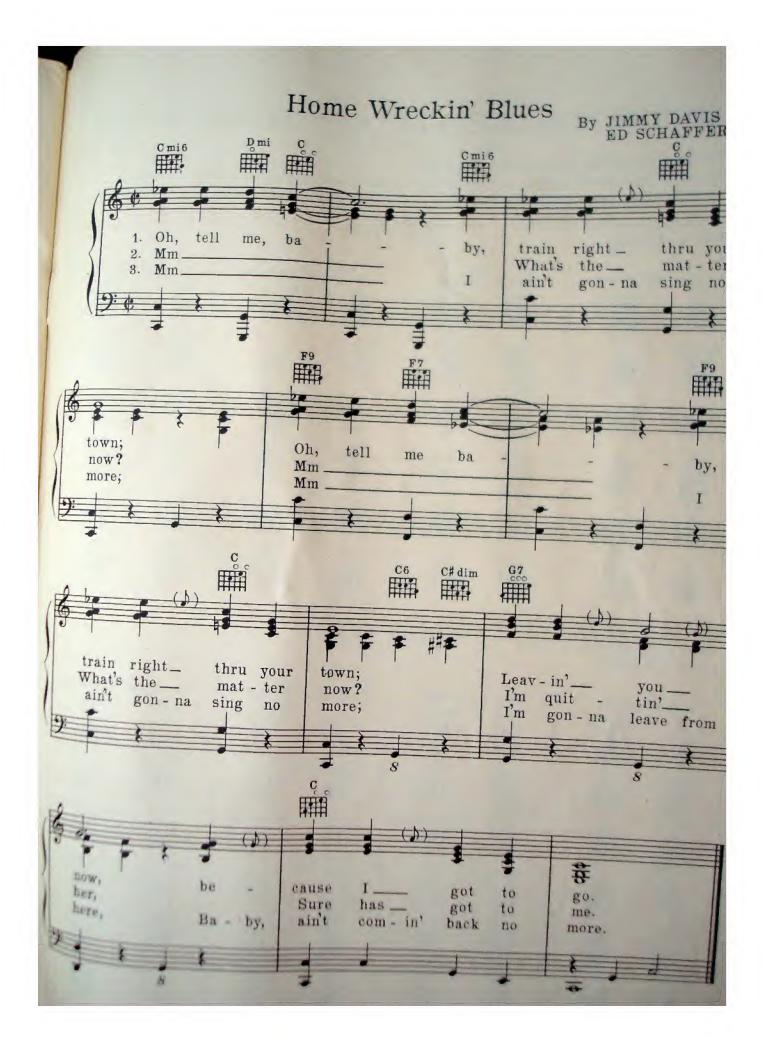
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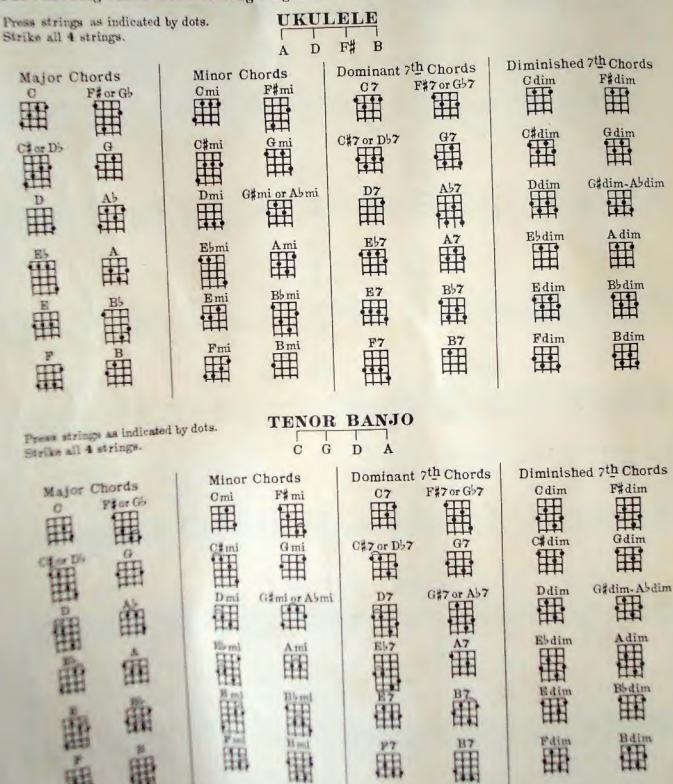
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